

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 20, 2001

IN RE:

PETITION OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS)
COMPANY L.P. FOR ARBITRATION WITH)
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(b) OF)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

DOCKET NO.
00-00691

ORDER


On June 11, 2001, a *Notice of Arbitration Hearing* set hearing dates for June 25-27, 2001 relative to the above captioned matter. On June 18, 2001, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed a *Motion to Reschedule Hearing Dates* due to unavailability of three of their witnesses. BellSouth's Motion states that these witnesses are testifying in previously scheduled hearings in other states. Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") has no objection to this motion.

Without objection and for cause shown, the Pre-Arbitration Officer grants BellSouth's *Motion to Reschedule Hearing*, subject to the following directive: within ten (10) days, BellSouth and Sprint jointly file the length of time anticipated for the hearing, as well as three sets of proposed dates when the parties will both be prepared to proceed with this arbitration.

Furthermore, the Pre-Arbitration Officer requests that BellSouth and Sprint consider moving Issue 25 from this arbitration proceeding into the generic performance docket (Docket No. 01-00193), and that each party include their respective or joint response in the filing that is due in ten days.

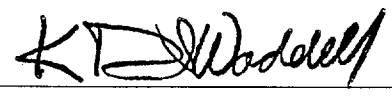
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s *Motion to Reschedule Hearing Dates* is Granted.
2. Within 10 days, the parties shall jointly file three proposed hearing dates.



Gary R. Hotvedt
Pre-Arbitrator Officer

ATTEST:



K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary